AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A speaker bracket, comprising:

a first half including a first speaker mount half and a first support attached to the first speaker mount half along a first axis, wherein the first support extends substantially beyond an outer perimeter of the first speaker mount half; and

a second half including a second speaker mount half and a second support attached to the second speaker mount half along a second axis different from the first axis, wherein the second support extends substantially beyond an outer perimeter of the second speaker mount half;

wherein the first half is rotatably connected to the second half, so as to define a third ~~an~~ axis about which the first half and second half may rotate with respect to one another, wherein the first and second axes are offset from the third axis, wherein the first and second speaker mount halves define an opening adapted to receive at least a portion of a speaker, and wherein the first and second supports are configured to contact only a backside of a mounting surface such that the entire bracket is maintained behind the backside of a mounting surface.

2. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 1, wherein the first half is adapted to rotate to and from an unfolded position.

3. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 2, further comprising a spring to bias the rotation of the first and second halves.

4. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 3, wherein the spring is configured to bias the rotation of the first and second halves towards the unfolded position.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A folding speaker bracket that is located entirely on a backside of a mounting surface having a front side and the back side, which are separate and face opposing directions, wherein the bracket includes a speaker mounting portion contacting only the backside of the mounting surface and that is hinged at one or more locations along an axis aligned with the approximate midpoint of said bracket and wherein the speaker mounting portion is adapted to receive at least a portion of a speaker; and

a plurality of supports attached to the speaker bracket, wherein each support extends substantially beyond an outer perimeter of the speaker bracket and is offset from the axis and axes defined by the other supports.

8. (Currently Amended) A speaker bracket for mounting a speaker to a wall having a hole that is smaller than the speaker, comprising:

a speaker mounting portion with an opening adapted to receive at least a portion of a speaker and having a first half, a second half and a hinge connecting the first half to the second half along a first axis;

a first bracket support attached to the first half of the speaker mounting portion along a second axis different from the first axis, wherein the first bracket support extends substantially beyond an outer perimeter of the first half; and

a second bracket support attached to the second half of the speaker mounting portion along a third axis different from the first and second axes, wherein the second bracket support extends substantially beyond an outer perimeter of the second half;

wherein the first and second supports are configured to contact only a backside of a mounting surface such that the entire bracket is maintained behind backside of the mounting surface along a single plane.

9. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 8, further comprising a spring to bias a relative rotation of the mounting portion halves.

10. (Original) The speaker bracket of Claim 9, wherein the spring is configured to bias the rotation of the first half of the bracket portion towards an unfolded position.

11 - 17. (Canceled)

18. (New) The speaker bracket of Claim 1, wherein the first and second supports have a generally V-shaped cross section.

19. (New) The folding speaker bracket of Claim 7, wherein the plurality of supports have a generally V-shaped cross section.

20. (New) The speaker bracket of Claim 8, wherein the first and second bracket supports have a generally V-shaped cross section.